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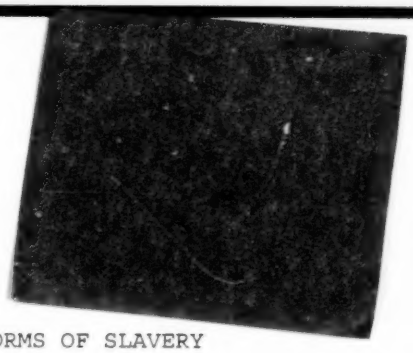

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Note by the Secretariat

1. By a letter dated 13 May 1997, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of systematic rape, sexual slavery and slavery-like practices during periods of armed conflict, Ms. Linda Chavez, informed the High Commissioner/Centre for Human Rights that she was not in a position to submit her final report as requested by the Sub-Commission in its resolution 1996/11.

2. She also informed the Secretariat of her resignation as Special Rapporteur and expressed the wish that the study be continued by another member of the Sub-Commission.

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